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DEAN ADDRESSES AAAS ON HEALTH POLICY ISSUES

Dean Sandson attended a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) on Jan. 5 in San Francisco, Calif., where he discussed health policy issues to be faced by medical schools and the health-care industry in the '80s. He told the organization that health policy objectives in the new decade will be to improve access, distribution and utilization of health care while restraining costs and maintaining quality. Associate Dean Leah M. Lowenstein, M.D., a professor of medicine and biochemistry, also attended the meeting, which was sponsored by the Association's Section on Medical Sciences.

HARRISON RESIGNS; HAS WASHINGTON, D.C., POST

Mona Harrison, M.D., resigned on Feb. 1 from her BUSM position as an assistant dean and director of the Office of Minority Affairs and will be the new director of ambulatory services at Washington, D.C., General Hospital. Harrison, who was an assistant professor of pediatrics at the School prior to her administrative appointment in July, 1978, was responsible for coordinating medical school activities as they related to members of minority groups. She also provided guidance and direction for minority medical students.

126 TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHING DAY, 1980

One hundred and twenty-six fourth-year BUSM students will learn of their internship or residency assignments on Matching Day, Wednesday, March 12. The assignments are made by the National Internship and Residency Matching Program (NIRMP), a nationwide computer system that pairs graduating students with hospital internship programs on the basis of the priority choices of both. Last year, 53 of 134 participating BUSM students were assigned their first choice.

BEVERAGE COUNCIL AWARDS PSYCH. TRAINING GRANT

A six-month, \$30,000 grant was awarded Jan. 1 to the Division of Psychiatry to support a program to train physicians to identify and counsel pregnant women who drink heavily. Using exhibits and other educational materials, the program, funded by the Beverage Alcohol Information Council, will aim to reduce alcohol consumption in pregnant women. Henry L. Rosett, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry and of obstetrics and gynecology, is principal investigator for this interdisciplinary project, which is targeted for obstetricians, pediatricians, family practitioners and psychiatrists. Lyn Weiner, a January 1980 graduate of the School of Public Health, is co-investigator.

BUSM, UH RECEIVE GRANT TO STUDY AMYLOID DISEASE

The School of Medicine and University Hospital have received a three-year, \$258,000 grant from the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Disease, part of the National Institutes of Health, to study the development of amyloidosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Edgar S. Cathcart, M.D., a professor of medicine and chief of the Hospital's Section of Arthritis, is principal investigator. Jeffrey Wohlgethan, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine and a member of the arthritis section, is associate investigator.

The grant will enable the researchers to continue to study genetic influences of

amyloidosis in mice and men as well as the possibility of altering the disease by hormone therapy.

OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPT.
RECEIVES RPB GRANT

The School's Department of Ophthalmology recently received a one-year, \$7,500 grant from Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc. (RPB) to support 'on-going studies of common eye diseases.

BUSM is among more than 50 medical institutions that receive annual RPB grant support for such studies. RPB, the nation's leading voluntary organization in support of eye research, has provided the department with \$70,000 in annual grants over the past 13 years.

PROGRAM RESPONDS TO
COMMUNITY CRISES

A training manual entitled "Community Crisis Intervention," written by Ruth M. Batson, Ed.M., an associate professor of psychiatry (community mental health) and Lyda S. Peters, Ed.M.,

an assistant professor of psychiatry (education), is designed to help health workers anticipate and defuse potentially disruptive situations in the community. The manual describes a five-year program, supported by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which was developed at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center to help communities absorb the shock waves of the often violent response to school desegregation, according to Batson, who headed the project. The methodology discussed in the manual, however, applies to a broad spectrum of other community crises, and the training program has been successfully launched in cities such as Los Angeles, Calif., Cleveland, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich. Peter Reich, a May 1979 graduate of the School of Public Health, edited the manual.

12 FACULTY MEMBERS CITED
IN BEST DOCTORS LISTING

Twelve BUSM faculty members were cited as outstanding specialists in 12 medical fields in The Best Doctors in the U.S.: A Guide to the Finest Specialists, Hospitals and Health Cen-

ters. Published last year, the book was "written and designed for the lay person as a guide to the best in medical care," according to its author, John Pekkanen. Physicians listed in the book were selected by their peers, and Pekkanen gathered the information through personal interviews and questionnaires sent to hundreds of doctors in more than 80 medical institutions.

The 12 BUSM faculty members cited for excellence in medicine were: James C. Melby, M.D.; Aram V. Chobanian, M.D.; Alan S. Cohen, M.D.; Jay D. Coffman, M.D.; Medical Center Director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., Ph.D.; Jerome O. Klein, M.D.; Simmons Lessell, M.D.; Carl A. Olsson, M.D.; Peter E. Pochi, M.D.; Jerome H. Shapiro, M.D.; Gordon L. Snider, M.D., and M. Stuart Strong, M.D.

ISSUES IN PEDIATRICS
FOCUS OF CME COURSES

Eight BUSM faculty members are scheduled to participate in a Continuing Medical Education (CME) course entitled "Current Clinical Pediatrics" to be held March 2 to 6 at The

Village at Smugglers' Notch in Jeffersonville, Vt. The program is designed to offer the pediatrician and family practitioner the opportunity to explore concepts and problems in patient management. Discussions will include "The Hazards of Immunizations," "Non-organic Failure to Thrive," and "Anorexia Nervosa."

"Recent Advances in Management of Infectious Diseases in Children," a CME course to be held March 15 at the Hotel Sonesta in Cambridge, Mass., will include discussions on "Odontogenic Infections" and "Infections Due to Mycoplasma pneumoniae in Children," as well as a film on the "Diagnosis of Otitis Media." Six BUSM faculty members will participate in this course.

For more information on the CME offerings, contact Mary Bryant in the Department of Continuing Medical Education at x5602 (247-5602).

PAVLOV IS TOPIC OF
WATERHOUSE MEETING

A film of Ivan Petrovitch Pavlov, M.D., the late Russian physiologist, at work in his Leningrad research center will be featured at the Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society's "Leaders in American Medicine" program on Wednesday, March 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the Countway Library of Harvard Medical School. Discussants will include B. F. Skinner, Ph.D., Sc.D., the Edgar Pierce Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Harvard University, and Peter B. Dews, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D., the Stanley Cobb Professor of Psychiatry and Psychobiology at Harvard Medical School. The program will be preceded by refreshments at 4 p.m.

FELDMAN TO STUDY AGING
IN ENGLAND AND GERMANY

Beginning this month, Martin L. Feldman, Ph.D., an associate professor of anatomy, will be on a six-month sabbatical leave at the University of Cambridge in England and at Goethe University in Frankfurt, West Germany. As a visiting scientist at the University of Cambridge, Feldman's work will focus on an electron microscope study of aging changes in the innervation of the human heart. In Germany, Feldman will explore studies of nerve cell aging in the human cerebral cortex.

BETJEMANN NAMED UH
PRESIDENT AT MEETING

At University Hospital's recent 125th Annual Meeting, Hospital Administrator John H. Betjemann was elected president of the UH Corporation in recognition of his position as chief operating officer of the Hospital. He will continue to serve as assistant secretary of the Hospital's Board of Trustees.

In other votes taken at the meeting, John F. Cogan Jr. was re-elected chairman of the Corporation. Eugene M. Tangney, who also serves as treasurer of the Corporation, was elected vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, along with Medical Center Director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., Ph.D.

HEALTH-CARE SEMINARS
EXPLORE HUMANITIES

A series of humanities seminars, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), is being offered this summer for health-care teachers and administrators who want to explore the humanistic dimensions of medicine, nursing, public health, dentistry, allied health, pharmacy, and other health-care fields. Seminars focusing on topics including ethico-legal issues of professional roles and responsibilities and individual and societal health-care rights will be held at such locations as the University of Cincinnati and Georgetown University. Twelve participants will be selected to attend each seminar on the basis of individual applications, which must be submitted by March 3. Selected applicants will receive a stipend for the tenure period of their seminars. For more information, contact Norman Wallis in Washington, D.C., at (202) 724-0376 or write to NEH, Washington, D.C., 20506.

THIS WEEK AVAILABLE FOR
BUMC CALENDAR LISTINGS

This Week, BUMC's weekly calendar of events, is available for listings of conferences, lectures, rounds and symposiums to be held at the Medical Center as well as at Boston City Hospital and the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center. The calendar is published by the Office of Informational Services every Friday from September through May, except for the last week in December. Deadline for copy submission to This Week is at noon Wednesday, the week preceding the event. For more information or to have an event listed, please contact Susan Trapilo at x5606 (247-5606).

BRIEFLY
NOTED

C. David Jenkins, Ph.D. a professor of psychiatry and director of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, and Saul I. Tannenbaum, a computer systems manager in the Department of Biobehavioral Sciences, are co-authors of an article entitled "Social Stressors and Excess Mortality from Hypertensive Diseases," which appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of Human Stress. The article discussed the relationship of the social environ-

ment to excess mortality resulting from diseases involving hypertension....Russell R. Miller, Pharm. D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of pharmacology (bioinformation), is co-editor of the Handbook of Drug Therapy, a comprehensive guide to the clinical use of drugs. Contributors to the book include Jay Coffman, M.D., a professor of medicine, and Richard Gleckman, M.D., an associate professor of medicine. Each of the book's 67 chapters is on a specific class of drugs, and the book includes extensive drug price listings, dosage recommendations and investigational drugs....Renowned futurist Isaac Asimov, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry, wrote the "My Turn" column in the Jan. 21 issue of Newsweek. Entitled "A Cult of Ignorance," the article discussed anti-intellectualism and illiteracy in the United States....University Hospital has received two-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH). Two-year accreditation requires that UH conduct an interim self-survey one year after the JCAH site visit. The self-survey will be held in June....DID YOU KNOW THAT the School of Medicine was the first to offer a "graded" course of study, with the work of one year preparing the student for the next. Until that time, students simply spent the second year repeating the lecture courses they had had a year earlier.

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